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PINHEIROS ALTOS
GOLF, SPA & HOTELS

Introduction from the Captain - Mr Michael Collins

Autumn is now at an end and we are in the throws of winter. Some of the weather of late has reminded us of that.

October was a busy month in which we had Pink Day and the Wooden Spoon in the same week. Pink Day was a great success and managed to raise €6,311.00 for the Oncology services in their fight against breast and prostate cancer here on the Algarve. A fun day was had with golf in the morning followed by activities in the clubhouse involving a game of Heads and Tails, where the eventual winner evolved with their knowledge of the Ryder Cup since its inception. An auction of prizes donated by a variety of sources and a raffle followed. The event concluded with a presentation to the events founder and tireless worker Shirley Griffiths. She has finally hung her raffle tickets up in the knowledge that her legacy will continue.

Two days later the Wooden Spoon was contested. Having managed to pass the spoon last year to the ladies my hopes were high in my expectation that they should retain it. Disaster struck from an unexpected source. The enemy within. Quislings. Fifth columnists. I'm running out of words to describe what happened. At 7 to 6 to the ladies. The last match on the course could have evened the score thereby making the ladies retain the Spoon. What happened next? My intrepid team were reliant on our 'Bankers'. It was in the bag. The celebrations were quashed when the news reached us that a half had been offered with one hole to play and been accepted. It would be wrong for me name the traitors but both are called Andy and they know who they are. The ignominy that now blighted my Captaincy. The presentation of that lumbering item ruined what had up to then been a very good day. I can confirm that it burned very well.

As part of 'The Captains Charity' we reintroduced a cross country event one midweek late afternoon. For any who are unaware of this golfing format it consists of nine holes of golf like you've never experienced before. eg 1st tee to 8th green by the shortest route. Suffice to say the course designer was much maligned by the end. This was followed by dinner and prize presentation. David Pirret with Molly Wainwright evolved

as winner with Liam and Marna Edwards in second place. A meal and entertainment followed. Stuart Knox had very kindly volunteered his services in support of the charity and he entertained us royally and enhanced what was already a fun day. A big thank you to him. A good do was had by all.

Sunday 23rd December, 2018 will have the annual 'TURKEY FLUTTER'. It will comprise as usual of a round of golf followed by a meal in the clubhouse. We are also grateful to Captain Luis of the Salvation Army who has promised to bring instruments and his children's choir with song sheets to help us to enjoy the festive season. This is Captain Luis's way of saying thank you to the members of Pinheiros Altos for all their contributions throughout this year so far. Myself and the Lady Captain were privileged to have had such a demonstration upon our visit to the SA in Sao Bras. I recommend that you all avail yourselves of what promises to be a memorable event.

New Years Eve has been in the preparation for some time now. A menu has been assembled to satisfy all palates and suitable wines have been chosen to compliment the meal. Entertainment has been arranged and includes the saxophonist and supporting disco that was so successful on Captains Day. The dress code will be smart casual. The list will be displayed shortly and I would ask you to append your names and join myself and the Lady Captain on what will surely be a memorable end to 2018.

QUIZ

"MONGO ONLY PAWN IN GAME OF LIFE"

Film?

Year of film?

Actor uttering line?



Pink Day Prize Winners



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Pink Day

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Wooden Spoon



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Wooden Spoon



Club Captain Michael Collins and Lady Captain Lisa Burns giving the Cross Country Winners David Pirret and Molly Wainwright their prize.



Cross Country Runners Up Liam and Marna Edwards



Molly Wainwright and David Pirret



Stuart Knox performing

Director of Golf - Monthly Report

October started with the Pink Day and I would like to thank all the members for their great support in raising €6.311. Thank you to Shirley Griffiths, the President & the Captains for their input in the event. Shirley has decided that this would be her last year's involvement with the event and I would like to thank her for all the hard work she has put in over the years.

The Wooden Spoon this year was played on 5th October and after some very tight matches the Ladies finally managed to win by 7 ½ - 6 ½ but I must mention that it was mainly to 2 gentlemen who decide to give the ladies a half in the last match

which gave the ladies the victory ! I will not mention names but Andy & Andy seems to ring a bell! The Lady Captain Lisa Burns had the pleasure to hand in the wooden spoon to our Club Captain Michael Collins.

The October Stableford was won by Sue Georges and the Autumn Rosebowl saw Tony Hickey Hickey winning the trophy.

The Golf Course will remain busy for most of November quieting down towards the end of the month which will allow

us to carry some heavier work like buggy paths repairs, trimming trees and recovering tees which have suffered from traffic as well as worm cast problems.

Our course consultant Conor Nolan from STRI will be visiting Pinheiros Altos and give us their 5th report and opinions on how to go forward and continuing in improving the quality of the golf course. The results are there to be seen and we know that more improvement can be made.

The interest in Membership is continuous and we have now only 8 Golf Titles available for re-sales which at least half should sell before the end of the year. The price of the Golf Title is now €15.000 and will increase to €17.500 on 1st January 2019 which is the highest value it has reach for the last 6 years.

Slow play in competition has been a problem over the last few tournaments and I am preparing some new rules to present to the committee meeting to start in the New Year. Therefore I would ask all the members to make sure they respect the etiquette and

the time taken around the golf course for the enjoyment of all the participant in tournaments.

Also I would like to thank all the members who took the time to reply to the Gala Week Survey which gave some indication of what can be improved to rejuvenate the tournament and improve the entries. A committee will be formed to come up with some new ideas for the event.

The Annual Subscription request will be sent during the month of November by email for payment until 31st December 2018. The Annual Subscription for 2019 will remain at the same value as it was for 2018 which shows the will of the company to develop the Membership to its full capacity.

Keep an eye open for the Christmas board which will soon be up in the Clubhouse to sign up for the many tournaments during the festive times. Also do not miss our New Year Eve party at the Clubhouse with the DJ & saxophonist from captains Day which I am sure will be yet another success!

Pinheiros Altos Golf Club New Year's Eve Party

***In the Pinheiros Altos Clubhouse
from 7h30 for 8h00 p.m.***

Dress Code

Smart Casual (jacket preferred)

€120 per Person (including tip)

Please book at the Golf Office

DJ Entertainment and Saxophonist



Pinheiros Altos Golf Club New Year's Eve Menu

AMUSE-BOUCHE

Mushroom soup with parmesan cheese

STARTER

***Duck pate served with toasts and wild berries sauce
or***

Lobster cocktail with mango, papaya and pineapple

MAIN COURSE

***Wellington steak served with sautéed potatoes,
vegetables and gravy sauce***

or

***Trilogy of fish (monkfish, bass and salmon) served with
basmati rice, vegetables and white sauce***

DESSERT

Chocolate trilogy served with raspberry and wild berries

or

Strawberry soup

***Cheese buffet with camembert, brie, blue cheese and Portuguese
cheeses, bread, cream crackers, grissini's and grapes***

WINES

Esporão reserva red and Esporão white

Champagne at midnight

***If you have any food allergy or any special food
requirements please inform the Golf Office in advance***



As he has done for many years, Santa is going to appear for ACCA at their stand at the Quinta Shopping Xmas Fayre on 24th November and at the ACCA Xmas Fayre at Villa & Vacations on 8th December! Please come along and support ACCA in their work for the orphans and deprived children in the area!



Competition Results for October

Date	Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
Wed 3rd	Pink Day	Rosie Agnew David Agnew Debbie Madgett Helen Mills	87 Pts	Barry Hawley-Green Bretta Hawley-Green David Pirret Maried Kooijmans	85 Pts
Fri 5th	Wooden Spoon	Ladies	7 ½	Men	6 ½
Sun 7th	October Stableford	Sue Georges	39 Pts	Stella Jeffrey	38 Pts
Wed 10th	Ladies Day Monthly Medal	1st Division Amanda Stretton	72 Nett		
		2nd Division Wendy Evans	76 Nett	2nd Division Lisa Burns	78 Nett (bb9)
		9 Hole Stableford	Vera Watkins	16 Pts	
Fri 12th	Ladies Competition Who stole the Pas 4's	Amanda Stretton Lisa Burns Meg Black Pat Murrish	93 Pts	Helen Mills Joanna Young Adrienne Buth Vera Watkins	89 Pts
Sun 14th	Autumn Medal Rosebowl	Tony Hickey	70 Nett	Orlando Hill	71 Nett
Wed 17th	Seattle Pairs Scramble	Helen Mills Maried Kooijmans	45 Pts	Sue Georges Pat Murrish	44 Pts
Thur 18th	Cross Country Golf Charity Day	David Pirret Molly Wainwright		Liam Edwards Marna Edwards	



Ladies Annual Dinner Prize Winners

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Ladies Annual Dinner Eclectic Winners



Ladies Annual Dinner



Ladies Annual Dinner



Ladies Annual Dinner

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The final competition of the month was to have been a Team Spooky Stableford K.M.T. – Witches Kick, Ghostly Mulligan, Skeleton's Throw on Wednesday 31st October – Halloween! However, the heavens opened and instead of golf we all retired to the Witches Coven (aka the tent) for a brew of witch's blood, and nibbles of knuckles and bones!!! A huge congratulations to you all for fully embracing the theme – the costumes were amazing! And thanks to Renato and Jenny Harrison for the fabulous

decorations in the tent. Congratulations to all the winners of the “Witches Draw” for the abandoned day competition, and to the three winners of the Fancy Dress competition – Kay Ford, Marna Edwards and Susie Hardwick.

The clocks have now changed, and the winter months are drawing closer! We now have later tee times for all our competitions – 8.50 to 10.18 am. So, no teeing off in the dark Ladies!!

Report from the Greens Committee

In our last report we indicated that the committee hoped with the aid of management and Marco to mark certain trees which with the approval of STRI should be either removed or pruned.

The intention of the Committee is that we should not be afraid of taking the course back to what we believe the designers intended. That was a member's course which could be extended to provide a real challenge but still reflected that we are a "Resort Course" That means keeping rough down and encouraging quick rounds of golf.

The planting of approximately 1000 pines for the new nine holes and the development and growth of existing trees on the original 18 holes has clearly made the course "tighter" and unfair in certain respects to both lady members and to the majority of higher handicap golfers.

Over the last few years our concentration has focussed on the condition of the course and that was in our view and of management the correct priority. The improvement of the course particularly the greens and fairway over the last 12 months has given us the opportunity to look at the layout and how the growth of some trees make for unfair conditions.. We are mindful that wherever possible we should not remove trees but carry out maintenance, pruning and lobbing of enlarged trees.

Trees have been marked with a red spray which may not be very evident (intentionally) but Marco knows where they are and will be considered by STRI in their visit in November.

If it is possible we will lob and prune a tree rather than remove. The Committee, Marco and Christophe feel strongly that this is the correct policy and only where

we feel removal is essential will we do so before pruning. There are therefore relatively very few removals! An obvious example is the small pines on 9 of Olives which is leaning dangerously onto the fairway!

If after pruning etc. we still feel the need to remove we will do so with STRI approval.

The timing of this work will we hope be completed over the winter period.

Our intention is to remove foliage which blocks shots from the fairways to greens. This applies also to shots from the tees and to ensure balls are not held in tree canopies (the 8th hole of Pines to the left of the fairway being an example of dense canopy).

We hope that members will be patient but support this policy.

The condition of the Course remains good. There is some dollar spot which is being treated on some greens.

The weed grasses on the greens have disappeared as we anticipated.

The committee would like to see an extra "digit" on the "stimp" meter reading! The greens are however very "true".

Overall Marco and the management believe we are making good progress. The weather remains a challenge but rain is good for grass!

Stewart Harper Chairman, David Ford, Duncan Evans

Social Golf - by Ken Irving

The weather on Sunday 21st October defied the gloomy forecasts of earlier in the week so 48 intrepid social golfers registered in the Club House for the joys of autumn, and ready for what the golfing day would bring from starts on Corks and Olives. They were not to be disappointed and some will have removed one layer of clothing once underway and others applied extra sun lotion!

There was one new member and 3 guests taking part and further 6 non-players joined for supper making for a healthily turn out and a very happy atmosphere throughout. Knut Pederson had done most of the pre-Sunday preparations and was disappointed not to be able to participate due to "compelling requirements" to be away from the Algarve over the weekend; to compensate for his absence he kindly donated 2 extra bottles for nearest the pin on Olives 5 and 8 for Ladies and Gents respectively – a fine gesture appreciated by all, especially the winners!

The format was an AM-AM Competition and some excellent scores were announced at the presentation at which bottles were despatched to the winners as follows:

CORKS/OLIVES

1st - 89 pts

Tony Hickey, Liam Edwards, Deirdre Forde, Dee Hirst

2nd - 82 pts (bb9)

Nigel Collins, Max Adams, Keith Hirst, Molly Wainwright

3rd - 82 pts

Bertil Wiren, Paul Cotterill, Mariëd Kooijmans, Shona Callaghan

OLIVES/PINES

1st - 92 pts

Orlando Hill, David Pirret, Helen Mills, Fiona Hanby

2nd - 89 pts

Ken Irving, Wallace Forde, Barry O'Brien, Sue Georges

3rd - 81 pts

Knut Ellingsen, Peter Mills, Andy Watkins, Melody Cotterill

NEAREST THE PIN

Ladies – Helen Mills

Gents – Max Adams

Congratulations to all!

An important component of Social Golf is the meal and the two main courses, chicken and salmon, were highly praised by all within earshot! A big recognition and appreciation must be given to Renato and his staff for the significant improvement experienced during 2018 and for the high quality of service that they deliver month by month.

The Next Social Golf is on Sunday 18 November when the format will be "**Traffic Lights**", organised by Paula Burke and Stella Jeffrey.

Interclub - by Geoff Stott

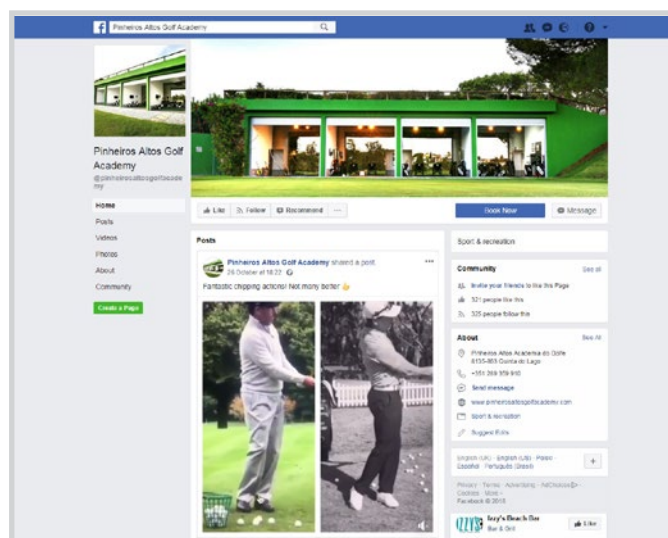
ALGARVE INTERCLUB LEAGUE

PA had a long wait to find out whether we'd gained promotion to the top division. Our season finished on the 20 Sept with a strong win at home against Penina. However, three other teams with matches in hand all had an opportunity to overtake us. As it happened it came down to the last league match where Penina failed to secure enough points at Levante (Quinta da Cima/Ria) to jump ahead of us.

So, in 2019, we'll be playing against Vila Sol, Parque da Floresta, BoaVista, Palmares, Tavira (Benamor) and Serra de Monchique (Silves). The season kicks off in March with a challenging home match against the champions, Vila Sol.

Finally, a big thank you to the full playing squad. The camaraderie and commitment has been outstanding. It's a long season made so much more enjoyable when you have this team spirit and desire to win. Roll on 2019!

Academy News



The new Golf Academy Facebook page is now online so please like & follow Pinheiros Altos Golf Academy.



The page will give you access to the new website www.pinheirosaltosgolfacademy.com and also allow you to book your lessons online.



We look forward to seeing you in the Academy!

Kenny and Ross

Forthcoming Events November & December 2018

Thur 1st November	Pinheiros Altos Memorial Day
Sat 3rd November	Foursomes Championship (No Roll Up)
Sun 4th November	Foursomes Championship
Wed 7th November	Ladies Day
Sat 10th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 11th November	November Stableford
Wed 14th November	Ladies Day
Sat 17th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 18th November	18 Hole Social Golf
Wed 21st November	Ladies Day
Sat 24th November	Mens Roll Up
Sun 25th November	November Medal
Wed 28th November	Ladies Day
Sat 1st December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 2nd December	St Andrews Day Stableford
Wed 5th December	Ladies Day
Sat 8th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 9th December	18 Holes Social Golf
Wed 12th December	Ladies Christmas Competition
Sat 15th December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 16th December	December Medal
Wed 19th December	Ladies Day
Sat 22nd December	Mens Roll Up
Sun 23rd December	Christmas Turkey Flutter
Wed 26th December	Boxing Day American Foursomes
Sat 29th December	Mens Roll Up

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JJW International Interclub Challenge 2019

17th February – 24th February 2019

Teams of 8 players

(2 PA Members + 6 Guests from home Club)

Itinerary

Sun – 17th February:	'Check-in' from 2pm at the Dona Filipa
Mon – 18th February:	Practice Round at one of the courses Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo. Cocktail at the Dona Filipa Hotel
Tue – 19th February:	Practice Round at the other course Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo.
Wed – 20th February:	1st Round Matchplay round robin at one of the courses Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo.
Thur – 21st February:	2nd Round Matchplay round robin at one of the courses Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo.
Fri – 22nd February:	3rd Round Matchplay round robin at one of the courses Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo.
Sat – 23rd February:	Final Round Matchplay at one of the courses Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo. Gala Dinner at the Dona Filipa and presentation of the first Club Champion of the JJW International Interclub Challenge.
Sun – 23rd February:	Check-out from Dona Filipa Hotel by noon

'Twin Room' Package: 2 pax sharing Twin room
€775 (per guest)

'Single Room' Package: 1 pax in single room
€1.060 (per guest)



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17th February – 24th February 2019

Teams of 8 players

(2 PA Members + 6 Guests from home Club)

Each package includes:

7 nights accommodation in 5* Dona Filipa Hotel, 6 rounds of golf, daily prizes and also the Welcome Cocktail reception & Gala Dinner.

Additional: Extra nights and/or golf can be requested & quoted separately

Teams consist of 2 PA members (not staying in the Hotel) and 6 guests (staying in the Hotel representing their home Clubs).

2 PA members by entering a team of 8 with 6 guests staying in the hotel will have free entry for the tournament including all the rounds of Golf at both courses, welcome cocktail reception and the Gala Dinner.

Monday & Tuesday will be practice rounds at both courses. Optional Wednesday, Thursday & Friday will be played in Matchplay rounds, round robin format.

Saturday leading teams will play each other for the 1st JJW International Interclub Challenge Champion. All other teams will play in their seeds to determine final classification of the tournament.

Maximum numbers of team is 12 Clubs from all over the world

Closing date for entries: 30th November 2018

Entries should be sent by email to **Christophe Rindlisbacher** on crindlisbacher@jjwhotels.com or to **Cristina Fernandes** on cfernandes@jjwhotels.com



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ENTRY FORM

St. Valentine's Day Mixed Golf Tournament

Thursday 14th until Sunday 17th February 2019
at the Pinheiros Altos and San Lorenzo Golf Clubs

Name: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____ H'cap: _____

Club: _____ H'cap: _____

Itinerary

Thur - 14th February: 'Check-in' from 2pm at the Dona Filipa Hotel
7:00pm - 8:00pm Welcome Cocktail reception & registration
in the Dona Filipa hotel.

Fri - 15th February: 1st Round St. Valentine's Tournament
Pinheiros Altos or San Lorenzo, details provided at registration
Evening at your leisure

Sat - 16th February: 2nd Round St. Valentine's Tournament
Your alternate round at either San Lorenzo or Pinheiros Altos
7:30pm Reception for 8:00pm Gala Dinner & Dance,
and prize presentation at The Dona Filipa hotel

Sun - 17th February: 'Check-out' by noon from the hotel

Accommodation at The Dona Filipa Hotel - Vale do Lobo

'Twin Room' Package: 2 pax sharing Double/Twin room **€760 (Total per couple)**

Each Package Includes: 3 nights accommodation, 3 rounds of golf, daily prizes,
and also the Welcome Cocktail reception & Gala Dinner.

Optional round of Golf either on 14th or 17th February 2019 at PA

Additional: Extra nights and/or golf can be requested and quoted separately.

Maximum Guests (non-members): **40 players** (early reservation encouraged!)

Closing date for entries: **30th November 2018**

Package for members **€80 per player includes Welcome**
not staying in DF: **cocktail, Gala Dinner, and Golf at PA & SL**

SIGN UP FOR MEMBERS WILL BE POSTED ON THE MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

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